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Get the drift on snowboarding, a now "respectable" sport for the snow slopes.

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# N.C.C.C. hosts cross-border classes

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

Niagara College, in a joint venture with Niagara County Community College in Niagara Falls, N.Y., is offering an International Trade Program for the first time this fall.

The program is the culmination of three years of work by the program's co-ordinator Dave Taylor, who made the original presentation to N.C.C.C.

The program is a one-year post diploma/degree open to students who have a college or university degree or diploma, or five years related work experience in some type of global marketing or international type trade.

International Trade concentrates on trade relationships and activities between markets in Europe and North America, but Taylor said the program also includes the Middle East and the Orient.

A program project is a main component of the program. Students work in groups and must present an oral and written report on a Canadian organization exporting a certain type of product to a specific country. This project is integrated into all courses of the program and extends throughout the entire year.

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NIAGARA COLLEGE CANADA

After the successful completion of the school term, students must fulfil an international work experience component in another country.

"From the time students enter the program, they are already thinking of where they would like to go," said Clara Casucci-McLeod, director of Business Studies.

Students must successfully complete an eight-week work term with a minimum of 250 hours, plus pass an employer and college evaluation in order to graduate.

The International Trade Program is only offered in Niagara Falls at the Hospitality Centre, which gives easy access to students on both sides of the border. What makes this program different from other similar programs at other colleges is the constant interaction between the U.S. and Canadian students. Students can attend selected courses on either side of the border because some courses are identical on both sides.

Students in the program range in age from 20 to 60 years and come from not only Canada but from Italy, Germany, China, Japan and South America.

"The very name of the program has attracted the clientele we were hoping, which is excellent," said Casucci-McLeod.

The Canadian program has attracted 30 students - 20 fee-paying and 10 sponsored by the Niagara Institute Training Advisory Council, which purchases seats in programs for people out of work and who need retraining.

"We're hoping next year that NITAC might be interested in buying a full section (30 seats) and we can sell our own section which I don't think will be a problem at all," said Casucci-McLeod.

"Given the economy, and what's happened politically in the world the last few years, it's (this type of program) come at the right time."

## Scaring up blood!

Law and Security Administration program students will be going from class to class next week asking for your support at Niagara College's blood donor clinic on Nov. 16. Top row, left to right, are Derik Gilbert, Cam Mudie, Chris Breen and Mike DiLapo. Front row, left to right, are Kelly Belanger, Joe Habib, Shannon Goba-Marr and Jen Gooden. See additional stories page 8.

Photo by Patrick Aselstine

# Committee receives college's approval

By DARIUS SOKAL
Staff Writer

Niagara College has made history again.

A new ground-breaking committee has received official college designation.

The formal recognition of the Customer Advisory Committee by the college Board of Governors and the Ministry of Skills Development will help the college's Skills Development Office "better serve industry and workers in the service and industry fields," said Alan Vaughn, Ontario Skills Development Office manager at the college.

The board will advise the OSDO in curriculum changes and help to plan and co-ordinate training programs. It serves as "a vital link between industry and ourselves," said Vaughn.

The board consists of 12 members who represent various businesses in the Niagara Region. The chairman is Pete Sanderson, vice-president of Oneida Canada Ltd. in Niagara Falls.

Board members were chosen by their business/employer's geographic location and size. All are on a volunteer basis.

# Food bank opening to feed cash-strapped students

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

A food bank may open at Niagara College later this month. This is another sign of the hard economic times facing many students.

Brigitte Chiki, of the Student Services department, said the first food drive will be "a one week blitz." After the initial organization of the drive, the sorting and bagging will be done by student volunteers.

Kristen Sorenson, Student Administrative Council vice-president external affairs, said the project is "by the students, for the students."

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the drive. Not only is food needed, but organizers are seeking food coupons — especially for diapers and baby food — Canadian Tire money, shampoo samples, and bags with handles. These items, as well as non-perishable food, will be accepted. Students are invited to volunteer their time to help sort and bag items.

The main storage area will be at the Welland campus, but the exact location won't be revealed for security reasons.

Chiki expressed a concern that students in need would not be comfortable receiving help. "Everybody here realizes that this is a temporary situation due to OSAP delays, or whatever, but you can't study if you are hungry."

Sorenson said she would like to devise a way to keep interest high in this food bank. She suggested

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# *Author addresses abortion to students from own experience*

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

"Abortion is the ultimate castration a woman can experience" says Beverly Hadland, author and founder of Straight Talk Youth Counselling.

Hadland said she will be speaking from her own personal experiences when she addresses Niagara College staff and students next month at the Welland campus.

Hadland's venue is being changed from Centennial High School back to the college. A new date and time has not been scheduled.

Nancy Grimmnick, Student Administrative Council vice-president internal, said Hadland is coming to present a side of the abortion issue different than that of Dr. Henry Morgentaler's, who was scheduled to speak at Centennial High School's auditorium yesterday. His appearance was cancelled by what Grimminck called "poor ticket sales."

BEVERLY HADLAND

Meanwhile, Hadland said women do not realize the ramifications of having an abortion, an experience she has twice been through herself. She had her first abortion at the age of 18, and her second when she was 21. The abortions left her unable to have children.

In 1984, Hadland quit her job as a public relations officer for the fashion chain Stitches to become a full-time abortion activist.

Hadland is executive director of Straight Talk, a group of volunteers which travels the country lecturing youths about alternatives to sexually active lifestyles.

The group weighs the consequences of having sex before marriage to those of waiting until you are married, focusing on pregnancy, abortion, AIDS, suicide and other consequences suffered through sexual activity.

Now Hadland is a self-proclaimed "secondary virgin," which means because she is not married, she does not have sex.

Secondary virginity originated in Hollywood, Calif., to combat the fear of AIDS.

Hadland's address at the college will be free of charge to staff and students.

# Mack nursing students putting together own campus newspaper

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

Niagara News is not the only newspaper on the block anymore! Mack Nursing campus in St. Catharines has its own brand of news reporting.

Yackie Mackie Tackie Bulletin was started last September with the support of staff member Janice Jenter.

Although the paper has no specific publication dates it came out about once a month. All the work was done by Mack Nursing program students, including the cartoons contained in each edition.

Some papers had a theme such as Halloween or Christmas but they mostly consisted of things that interested the students. A notice in the October edition last year read, "You want something, TELL US. You want to get rid of something, TELL US. You want MONEY, TALK TO FINANCIAL AID!!!!!"

The whole project was non-profit with no payment for advertising submitted by students. The three- to five-page bulletin was full of jokes, puns, poems, gossip and cartoons.

This year, the Yackie Mackie Tackie Bulletin has had trouble getting started. Although some students have already handed in copy, some problems arise because there are no set contributors for the bulletin.

A logo contest held last year yielded a winner submitted by instructor Donna Conradi. The emblem incorporated the letters Y, M, and T. The next edition is expected soon.

# *General College and Sales and Retail receive new course to their program*

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

Niagara College will be offering two new courses in January called Introduction to Entrepreneurship. The courses will be integrated into the General College program, but have already been added to the Sales and Retail program.

"Usually people think of entrepreneurship as someone wanting to start their own business . . . and that isn't entrepreneurship," said Clara Casucci-McLeod, director of Business Studies.

"Entrepreneurship is a way of thinking, a way of life."

Dave Taylor, co-ordinator of International Trade and Marketing Management at the college, said anyone, whether it be a nurse or someone who is in business, can be an entrepreneur.

Taylor and Casucci-McLeod said entrepreneurship has to do with how people solve problems and how people look at themselves.

"Hopefully, this course will be integrated into more programs," said Taylor.

# *Book now for graduation photos*

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

Appiontments are being accepted for graduation photographs.

Donna Fluter, manager of After Hours, and Cindy Blanchard, Student Administrative Council bookkeeper, are still booking the appointments.

A photographer from Groff's Photography in St. Catharines will take the photos at After Hours from Nov. 9 to 18. Sittings start at 9 a.m. and last until 3:30 p.m. each day.

Cost is $5.35. The proofs will be mailed to your home with a price list two to three weeks after the photos are taken. The proofs are un-retouched, but all finished photos are re-touched.

After making your selection, the order should be mailed in. Finished portraits will be sent to you within four to six weeks.

# *Kiss the Flame*

## *Is a drug free society out of reach?*

By Heather D. Hodgson
Law and Security Administration
Special to Niagara News

**DRUG AWARENESS WEEK..A DREAM WORTH REACHING**

In other parts of the world, substance abuse issues are presented as a "war on drugs". In Canada, we have not declared a war on drugs. A war has a beginning, a battlefield and an ending with a victor. Although theatrical and graphic, declaring a war on drugs implies that the issues can be solved and filed away. Substance use and abuse issues are more complex. We can't see the "enemy". Fear, loneliness, frustration and depression can't be shot and buried.

The "Just Say No" campaign is another attempt and a good beginning for dealing with the "cancer" that is destroying our youth. But, it is a "quick fix" solution. There is more to substance use and abuse issues than a simple yes or no.

In Canada, the week of Nov. 16 is Drug Awareness Week. It is a time to focus activities and attention; to light the flame that will grow and spread throughout the year.

Ontario's theme is "Believe in Yourself". Throughout Ontario, events, contests and seminars will focus on the idea that substance use and abuse is not necessary if you believe in yourself.

We've come a long way. In the 1980's, when Drug Awareness Week first started, the theme was "Hugs not Drugs". Although catchy and cute, with cuddly teddy bears as mascots, it didn't really touch on the real issues. Through time, the theme evolved and focused on the crucial factor: self esteem. One of the major causes of substance use and abuse is low self esteem. This results in poor decision making and unsafe risk taking.

Sometimes it's hard to know where to start. But the dream is to make people aware of healthy choices and educated decision making. A drug free society will never be reached. But, we can start, here and now, with incentives for our peers, our leaders and our loved ones to help them realize the choices and choose wisely.

Niagara College and our community partners have developed three contests for you to show your excellence and be rewarded with great prizes.

The Hospitality Centre will hold a "non-alcoholic beverage" contest. The selected entry will become the official college alternative, used at all college functions and at your After Hours Centre.

The English department will hold an essay contest. Winning entries will be displayed on the "Kiss the Flame" bulletin board.

Are you artistic? Design a t-shirt logo. It will be reproduced on t-shirts and used for fundraising activities for Kiss the Flame.

What's in it for you? Our sponsors include: Coca Cola; Hilroy Books; The Hospitality Centre (dinner for two); local merchants and restaurants.

First place winners will be rewarded. All other entrants will be eligible for a draw for great prizes.

In addition, if enough interest is shown, a candlelight vigil with entertainment will be held during Drug Awareness Week.

Parents — Free session — open to all staff, students and public. Norman Panzica, the senior consultant for Council on Drug Abuse, will present Positive Parenting — 12 is too old to start talking to your child about substance use and abuse on Thursday, Nov. 19, President's Board Room, Hennepin Hall, Welland campus, Niagara College from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Your student council will be advising you of other initiatives.

Well . . . are you curious? Do you accept the challenge to get involved? Do you want to win something?

It's all here for you. Your college, your student council and our community partners are all waiting for you to take the risk. We know you can do it! Do you believe in yourself enough to try?

*Next issue: Alcohol and Sex By Henry J. Schankula, Director, Interorganizational Affairs, Addiction Research Foundation.*

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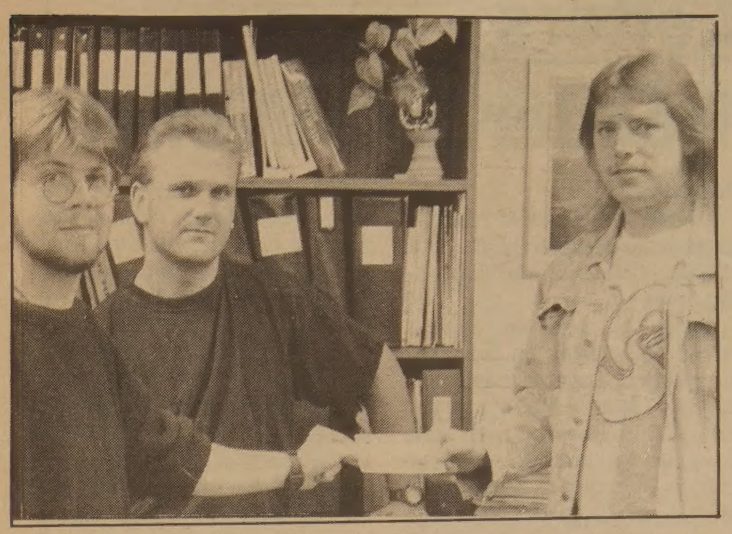
# Students honored in San Francisco



Ryan Hanlin from IEEE presents Bob Holder and Jason Lowe a cheque to help fund their trip to San Francisco.
**Photo by Kimberly Sheppard**

By KIMBERLY WALTER
Staff Writer

Two students from the Electronics Engineering Technology program at Niagara College won top honors in specific categories at a recent conference in San Francisco, Calif.

Bob Holder and Jason Lowe, both fourth-year students, won for best example of Hybrid Microelectronics education.

The students were gone for five days from Oct.16 to 21. This is the first time the college had placed first since 1985. The conference was held at the Moscone Centre.

The conference enables colleges and universities to exhibit what is available on the market, what is coming out and what will be released. The competition is available to students interested in electronics engineering.

Holder is the president and Lowe is the vice-president of the Niagara College student chapter of the International Society for Hybrid Microelectronics. There are 31 chapters at various universities and colleges with Niagara College having the only one in Canada. The college also has the only working microelectronics lab available to students.

"It was a great opportunity for us to promote Niagara College's new Microelectronics program," both students said.

The two are employed by the college as part of their co-operative education work.

"We repair and install microelectronics equipment,"said Holder.

Their office is located in the Mackenzie wing in M22 and M23.

# College nominated for award

By TAMMY PARKER
Staff Writer

Niagara College was recently nominated but did not receive the Outstanding Institution Award.

"The College was nominated in recognition of staff's putting together first-rate resource development," said Niagara College president John Saso.

Across North America, 18 colleges were nominated. Niagara was short-listed on the basis of its exemplary practices such as Niagara College 101, Support Team Day, Niagara Day, the Niagara Plan and Fan Mail, said Ed Wilson, Human Resources Development consultant.

The award was given by the National Council for Staff, Program and Organizational Development (NCSPOD). NCSPOD is a well respected institution of higher learning, Saso said.

NCSPOD put the colleges in three categories based on the number of full-time students enrolled in the institution, said Ed Haring, chair of the Awards Commission.

Wilson said the institutions were judged on four points including program objectives, creative innovation, impact and evaluation.

NCSPOD's mission is to increase institutional vitality. The association mails newsletters and initiates conferences where colleges can hold discussions and learn from each other.

# Association to honor retirees at college

By KIMBERLY WALTER
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Retirement Association is waiting for you.

The association has already received 240 positive replies. "We are looking for more replies as soon as possible," says Eleanor Snider, chair of the retirement committee.

The association is designed to offer the best retirement party available. Membership costs $12 a year, which can be deducted from an employee's payroll. The money is used to buy a gift for the retiree based on years of service to the college. The guest of honor also receives a paid dinner for two. All others attending the dinner must pay for their meal.

"The association is assuring that all retiring Niagara College staff have an equally honored evening," said Snider. "The retirement party will take place only once a year but it is guaranteed to be a glorious event."

**Snider said there will be nine staff members retiring this year.**

In the next few years, many staff members are expected to retire, while others are expected to take advantage of the college's early retirement package.

Snider said there will be nine staff members retiring this year.

In the event of the association being unable to meet its obligations, all monies will be dispersed among its members. More information and details are available from Snider at Ext. 7764.

# Local riding votes 59% No

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

In the Welland - St.Catharines - Thorold riding, 73 per cent of the electorate voted in the federal referendum Oct. 26.

Of the 67,779 people eligible to vote, 49,222 did so. The majority in the riding voted no. The number of no votes was 28,785, while 20,186 voted yes. The number of spoiled ballots was 251.

There was a slight increase in the number of voters from the 1988 federal election.

The process went "very smoothly," said June McNall, returning officer for the riding.

"It went smoother than the federal election because not as many people were left off the enumerating list," said McNall, adding computers helped with the process.

# United Way earthball raises money for charity

Two students face off with the earthball to raise money for the United Way.
**Photo by Duncan Warrener**

By DUNCAN WARRENER
Staff Writer

United Way is having a ball raising money. An earthball to be exact. Ten teams of students have gotten together to raise money and have a good time doing it.

Steve Celestini, mechanical / manufacturing engineering instructor, organized the three-week event. The 10-person teams donated $300 when they signed up. Students from Law and Security, Construction Engineering, and Mechanical/Manufacturing Engineering programs made up the teams. The second annual earthball finals ran Oct. 26.

Jon Ogryzlo, chairman of the United Way at Niagara College, said he is "very pleased" with the progress of the fund-raising campaign.

Wade Feere, first-year Construction Engineering student, said that playing earthball is "our contribution for a charitable organization."

The Student Administrative Council bought the earthball for $400 for future events.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE

# We need a disarmed society

A new federal gun control law, Bill C-17, has been put into effect. Last August saw the restriction of barrel length, antique firearms and fully automatic firearms. Changes also included stiffer sentencing and penalties for those collectors not following the set guidelines.

"Genuine gun collectors" who are registered as such before Oct. 1 can collect weapons restricted under the new law like fully automatic firearms converted to semi-automatic.

When storing restricted guns, they must be kept in locked containers or in a vault. No ammunition should be loaded in the gun and when moving a firearm it is to be out of sight and locked up.

Also firearms acquisition certificate will require a 28-day waiting period, as opposed to the old seven days, photo identification and references. New applicants must complete a course in safety handling.

While all these changes in the gun control laws are a step forward, they are not good enough. Existing collectors can keep guns that are restricted.

While Niagara has an amnesty program in November to allow weapons to be brought forward and registered or destroyed, it is questionable how many guns will actually be handed in. Charges can still be laid if one has an unregistered gun. But, if a gun is unregistered, how will police know about it unless it is used in some unlawful way?

Testing will help to some degree, but will the new testing be tough enough? Anyone wishing to own a restricted gun has only to say they are wanting to become a genuine gun collector, apply for a firearms acquisition certificate, wait for the prescribed 28 days, pass a test and take it home.

Have our 'strict' laws become too lax? Even with the new changes this is one Canadaian still worried that the laws must be revised . . . again.

**Kim Morphew**

# Police actions are questioned

Ontario's finest are still upholding the law, but doing so with blue ribbons pinned to their uniforms.

Because of new provincial legislation, effective Jan.1, which requires a report to be filed every time they draw their guns, police officers in protest have been wearing baseball hats and have stopped handing out minor traffic tickets.

The police fear this new ruling endangers their lives as well as the public because officers will think twice before drawing their guns.

But is this true? Nobody is taking away their guns or their right to use them, but asking for only a little explanation as to why their guns were necessary. Is that too much to ask from a publicly employed officer? How can a report endanger their lives? It's hard to believe that during a life threatening arrest an officer will consider writing a report about why he felt compelled to save his life. How many times a day does an Ontario police officer draw his gun that he considers it such an imposition to write a report?

Police are asking for reasonable people to make decisions that affect the police, but under what definition of reasonable? This is the first time the elected public officials are attempting to impose control and the police can't abide by it.

By not handing out these tickets the public is not being served and these actions are not answering their plees for leniency. This protest could cost the province tens of thousands of dollars each week in lost revenue while our provincial deficit continues to climb.

Police are demanding a meeting with Premier Bob Rae in order to discuss these these changes, but he refuses because of the unjustifiable actions they have already chosen as their route to protest.

Well, hats off to Bob Rae — for once!

**Karen Kranjac**


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# Letters

## Reader dissatisfied

Dear Editor:

I found it difficult to read the entertainment section of the Oct. 23 Niagara News issue without getting upset.

First of all, your staff writers should be focusing on entertainment in the Niagara region. I was extremely disappointed to read that Nick Phillips chose to push aside local talent in order to write two articles referring to bands from Manchester, England. I hope that I am not going to be subjected to your staff writers' tastes in music every issue.

Second, what was the purpose of printing an article about a Toronto concert that took place more than two weeks prior to publication? Fans who didn't attend the concert probably thumbed through a Toronto newspaper or fanzine to read about the show. Plus, Phillips should have included a list of scheduled concert dates.

Third, as a strong supporter of the local band scene, I make the extra effort to attend local shows. When I read Nick Phillips' article, "Breaking out the bar into Trans-Atlantic crossings" I had to wonder if this was just free publicity from a friend of the band. "Line-ups for hours," eh? Phillips, are you sure there were line-ups, or were there just fights outside? The only time I've seen a line-up to see the band Waiting for Jane was when they weren't headlining. Phillips also stated in his article that the band performed in London, England. Hmmm . . . is that close to Manchester, England?

Finally, I'd like to know what percentage of a band's performance is original. Anyone involved with music knows that it's a lot easier to read music than to create music.

I would like to suggest that you list local shows, movies and theatre and then add out-of-town shows for those who can afford it.

Jenn Sheridan
First-year Journalism-Print

Reporter's Note:

Waiting For Jane is local talent and line-ups were evident this past summer on the Tuesday nights they played. As far as musical talent goes, original bands in this area are difficult to find.

Unfortunately, the Niagara region is plagued with tiresome cover bands and in my opinion aren't worthy of print. If you want to be informed about entertainment in the Niagara region please pick up a copy of Pulse Niagara.

Second, the Manchester story was only a feature of interest, and I thought its impact on the North American music scene should be noted.

## Article provokes graduate

Dear Editor:

I find it surprising you remain a registered student at Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology. If I couldn't find anything I liked about my college of choice, I'd transfer.

I'm referring to your two articles in the Niagara News. In the first one (Sept. 25/92) you question the decor of your on-campus pub "After Hours". Your exact words are: ". . . there is a lack of decor which denies the pub any resemblance to that of a real bar." What kind of 'real bar' are you comparing it to? While it is true I've only been in After Hours one time, there is no doubt in my mind I was in a bar, and a real one at that.

It has tables and chairs, plenty of natural light, a beautiful, wide open look, a giant TV screen, video games and pool tables. To be fair to you Mr. Lafantaisie, that in itself might not have convinced me I was in a real bar. The real giveaway was that small room in the middle; the one with beer and liquor. I believe they call it . . . a bar! Hey! Who's that in the bar. Why it's a . . . bartender, and he looks real to me too.

As for the "precollege, adolescent feel" because of "video junkies" and "wannabe" pool sharks', well — a customer is a customer. Now I know a few things about running a bar and pool players can be your best regular customers. Come on Brian; it's a small town, college campus pub not a Trendy Toronto hang out. All we had was the cafeteria and unfortunately, it looked and felt like a real cafeteria. Be thankful for what you have.

Your most recent article (Oct. 9/92) has you attacking the campus radio station. You must be alot of fun at parties. In the same sentence you say the student DJ's are doing their best but immediately compare them to professionals. Let's be fair Brian. You also suggest that some of the students may go on to a successful career in radio broadcasting and used Kristy Knight as your only example. (By the way, you're not one of her favorite journalists.) Do some research and you'll discover that a large number of RTV grads are enjoying their careers in radio. Research, for your information, is a lot more than just asking the student sitting next to you if she's heard of the campus radio station.

The people running the station are students just like you. Everyone has to start somewhere, that's what the college is for.

Come on Brian. There has to be something at Niagara you like. Use your budding journalistic skills to highlight some of the good. Besides, your Christmas card list is getting smaller by the issue.

A proud Niagara College Grad
Andy Roy
Class of 1982

PERSPECTIVES

# Police support increases

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

Support for Metro Toronto Police Association's job action is increasing as more people across Ontario are wearing blue ribbons to show their support.

A work-to-rule campaign was launched by Metro police in opposition to provincially-proposed regulations on filling out reports every time officers draw their service revolver.

Niagara Regional Police officers joined the job action on Tuesday at 12:01 a.m. They are wearing baseball caps instead of regulation hats, pinning public awareness buttons on their uniforms and cutting back on issuing minor traffic tickets. A local protest is in discussion stages against government restrictions on their jobs.

I think the police have every right to be angry and I fully support their rally held at Queen's Park last week.

Police officers go to work every day putting their lives at risk. With all the restrictions in the Police Services Act, these proposed regulations put the officers' lives in further danger. Sadly, many people will take advantage of this situation and use it against the police.

Police are the centre of slander. Newspapers are often the first to publish examples of police brutality, forgetting about those officers who carry out their duty to protect society.

It is these people who keep the streets safe for us and they are the first people we call when we are in danger. When you take away their rights to fulfil their job completely, you also take away our rights to be safe and give the power to the criminals.

The job action began Oct. 5 and I cannot see it ending until Premier Bob Rae and the Police Services Board listen to the issues and make a fair judgment call. From what I can see, the only fair decision would be to support our security forces.

## Trump this!

Niagara College students are shown taking part in the annual progressive euchre tournament held Oct. 29 in After Hours. The winner of the $32 pot was Jason Williams, a first-year Business Administration program student.

**Photo by Sue Harvey**

# *Women's referendum vote reflective of need for recognition*

## *Comment*

By KATHERINE AGNEW
Staff Writer

Women across Canada voiced diverse and passionate opinions and objections to the Charlottetown accord. On Oct. 26, the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women (a government group) presumably voted Yes, while the National Action Committee on the Status of Women voted a vehement No.

It would be foolish and unjust to dismiss their concerns as "whining by those feminists" again. Considering that women were not legally recognised as "persons" until 1929, it is not surprising that women would fight anything they see as even one step backward.

Too many vital social interests, such as education, child care, violence prevention programs, and medicare would have been threatened, for women to have rolled over and played the part of a doormat once more.

Both groups were concerned that native women's rights would be jeopardized if the accord was legalized. A new clause had been submitted that would have given the aboriginal self-governments the licence to predominate over the Charter of Rights. A passage also exempted the new native government from the clause that gives Canadian citizens the right to vote and to run for office. Consequently, the rights of native women would be directly abrogated.

## *It's time for the government of Canada to really listen...*

Yet while the Constitutional talks absorbed Canada, guess who the officials forgot to invite to the bargaining table? Native women.

Even after a federal court of appeals found that native women represented a national voice and as a class "remain doubly disadvantaged in Canadian society

. . . and also seriously disadvantaged by reason of sex residing on an Indian reserve," native women were not represented as the government ignored the decision.

Clauses in the Charlottetown accord suggested the possibliity of restricting federal spending in the provinces and disassembling the powers of the federal government and assigning them to the provincial governments. As a result, programs such as unemployment insurance and medicare would be set by objectives alone and under the authority of different provincial governments.

If being a patriotic Canadian meant leaving all of that in the hands of the men in their pinstriped suits and trust that under their guidance everything would come together, Canadians did not have the faith to do so.

I doubt that a total consensus on a definition of feminism could be reached by all women. Yet I believe most women would agree that although we have come a long way from the suffragettes' campaigning for the right for married women to own property, we still have not come far enough.

It is time for the government to really listen to why the majority of Canadians voted No and finally respond to their concerns.

# Courage overcomes all

## *Mother recovers*

By ARLENE ARCH
Staff Writer

I used to cry all the time.

When I got sick with a cold, when friends didn't return my calls and even when my perfectly manicured nail broke right before a big date.

To me, everything seemed like the end of the world. Until I watched someone triumph over something so devastating that made every problem I ever had, every worry, seem trivial and insignificant.

Only once did I see her stop smiling. Through the whole ordeal that in one day turned a strong, vibrant, spirited woman into a cripple for almost a year, I only saw her falter and surrender to the illness once.

I had had an allergic reaction to some cold medication and at 3 a.m. started experiencing such acute stomach pains that I needed to be taken to the hospital. We were the only ones home and she was unable to drive. She felt helpless to her child and that feeling was what finally caused the wall of strength to crumble. It was then that she broke into tears.

She didn't cry when they put her into the hospital for weeks running test after test. She didn't become frustrated or angry when the doctors told her they couldn't diagnose her illness. When she was put into a wheelchair, she said she preferred driving to walking anyway. When the medication she was taking caused her to lose all her hair, she proudly modeled her new Eva Gabor wig with a smile. She stumbled and fell once at a mall because she had not yet regained complete muscle control. When she ended up on the floor surrounded by parcels, her laughter was the loudest.

When she returned from the hospital, she insisted things remain as normal as possible. Struggling to manoeuvre her walker around the house, she did laundry, dusted and always had her family's meals on the table. I even caught her trying to glide the old Hoover around once. She did everything — except cry.

Every challege along the way was met with an overpowering will of courage, bravery and fervor that made it possible to overcome all obstacles and head for full recovery.

Today, her walk is almost normal. She can even run — mostly to the T.V. to catch a good scene on the Young and Restless. Her hair has all grown back and the wig lies hidden in a bedside drawer in her room. Whenever I feel like crying I go into her room and put on the wig. It's funny how I always leave that room smiling.

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FOCUS

# Woman turns anger into energy after accident

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

For a woman almost killed two years ago this Christmas, Heather Hodgson has a remarkably good attitude.

On Dec. 23, 1990, Hodgson was travelling east on Highway 401 towards Pickering with her two small children, Lisa, 10, and Bradley, 8. Hodgson, a Law and Security Administration program instructor at Niagara College, was in the process of discussing defensive driving techniques with her son when she was involved in a near fatality.

The Thunderbird she was driving was suddenly struck from behind by a large blue car. When she signalled for the driver of the car to pull over, he moved toward them only to take off through traffic.

Suddenly, says Hodgson, "the police side of me took over." She began to follow the blue car, calling out the license number to her children as she chased. At that time a sergeant with the traffic services division of Peel Regional Police, Hodgson says the driver "showed all of the classic signs of impaired driving." With Hodgson still in pursuit, he moved his car onto an off ramp, lost control of the vehicle, and ran another car off the roadway.

The driver continued his rampage, driving through a traffic light, putting his car in reverse and striking another off-duty police officer's car. At this point, Hodgson realized she "had to stop him." She got out of her car, ran towards his, and yelled "Stop! Police!" This action was to no avail. The driver struck her, throwing her through the air. She landed on her right side, between the front and back tires of the blue car.

*Heather Hodgson*

Fortunately for Hodgson, Grant Pacey was on the scene. The Brampton resident hit the accused's car to prevent him from running over Hodgson. He was less than four inches away from doing so.

The driver of the blue car was apprehended, and was sentenced to eight months in jail, with a two-year license suspension on two charges of impaired driving causing bodily harm, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, refusing a breathalyser, four counts of failing to stop, and assault to resist arrest.

The change from actual police work to teaching was not a complete leap for Hodgson, who had been teaching for 10 years prior to the accident as a safety education officer. If anything, it has led her to "stress self-protection" with her classes. She is strongly involved in Kiss the Flame, a drug and alcohol awareness and education program at the college.

On Oct. 19, Hodgson received the Commissioner's Certificate in Toronto at the Ontario Provincial Police's annual awards ceremony.

"It's nice to see that people care," said Hodgson. "It's a nice ending to the story."

The change from the actual police work to teaching was not a complete leap for Hodgson, who had been teaching for 10 years prior to the accident as a safety officer. If anything, it has led her to "stress "stress self-protection" with her classes.

Hodgson is not bitter about the short sentence, saying "There was no point in getting angry . . . you have to do something else with the energy." Although she was offered a desk job with the Peel police force, Hodgson left police work because of her injuries to come to the college. She says she has "no regrets, because I came here."

It was presented to her along with Pacey and the other off-duty police officer involved in the chase. Her children, who have since recovered from the physical and the emotional trauma of the incident, were able to be on stage to receive the award, presented by Lieutenant-Governor Jackman.

## More letters to the editor

# Law and security students receive recognition for work

Dear Editor:
Attention: Mr. John Saso, President
Dear John,

The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to a group of Niagara College students and one instructor that deserve special recognition for their efforts.

I refer to "The Event in the Tent" which is a sanctioned Grape and Wine Festival event that I run at Parkway (Inn). This year's event drew over 11,000 people in two days, making it the largest event of its kind in St. Catharines.

Furthermore, the proceeds from this event go to the Leonard B. Herzog Memorial Foundation which is a charitable foundation named after my late uncle which contributes to St. Catharine's hospitals.

A gentleman by the name of Dave Rapelje, who assisted with our organizing committee and is a Niagara College instructor, made me aware of the Law and Security Administration program at the college which led to a meeting with course instructor Heather Hodgson.

From this meeting it was decided that our event would utilize the volunteer services of the law and security students, co-ordinated through Ms. Hodgson, to assist in security at our event.

The end result of this initiative is the true purpose of this dissertation, because conduct, the exemplary and beneficial should not go unnoticed in my estimation.

Through two nights of packed houses, sold out shows, alcoholic beverages etc., the students in this program handled themselves courteously, professionally and quite frankly, at a maturity level that belied their age.

I can state with no hesitation that the success of this event was to a great degree attributable to this group of your people and Ms. Hodgson.

Not only were they invaluable to all of our organizing committees efforts, but more importantly they were a stellar credit to Niagara College and its programs.

Rest assured that in addition to my regular vocation, as chairman of tourism in St. Catharines and vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, I will not hesitate to recommend this group for any and all events that warrant their services.

It is my hope that the students learned a little about security of this nature and event co-ordination in order to assist their studies. In all honesty, I will never be able to properly thank each and every one of them for their exemplary efforts on our behalf.

John, please accept my congratulations on having such quality programming and personnel at your facility.

It is always gratifying when we in the private business community can so successfully interact with our learning institutions. In this case, the results could not have been more positive or more of a credit to Niagara College.

To yourself, Ms. Hodgson and the students, please accept my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,
Barry Katzman
President
Parkway Complex and
Smart Alex Bar, Grill and Bar

# Letter gives encouragement

Dear Editor:

Mr. Barry Katzman, President
Parkway Complex and Smart Alex Bar
c/o Parkway Inn, 327 Ontario St.,
St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 5L3

Dear Barry:

Thank you very much for your letter of Oct. 15 drawing to my attention your pleasure with the work of our Law and Security Administration students under the direction of Heather Hodgson.

Such letters of endorsement from leaders of the community are always welcome. Your testimonial serves to reinforce a belief which we have held for a number of years that our students are tops. I hope that we can be of help to community-based initiatives such as the Grape and Wine Festival on many future occasions.

Once again, Barry, thank you for your kind words. They are most encouraging.

Sincerely yours,
John T. Saso
President

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# Learning resource centre gets new books

By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

Check out these new listings at the Learning Resource Centre.

*Coming Canadians — An Introduction to a History of Canada's Peoples* by Jean R. Burnet with Howard Palmer covers immigration and settlement patterns that led to today's multicultural nation. Published by McClelland Press, Toronto, Ont., 1988.

*Happiness is a Choice* by Barry Neil Kaufman is filled with true stories of people helped by Kaufman's "short-cuts to happiness." Published by Fawcett Books, N.Y. 1991.

*Alcohol and Other Drugs Used By Canadian Youth* is a survey report conducted by Health and Welfare Canada in 1992. It explores reasons for use of legal and illegal drugs, including alcohol and cigarettes, by young people as well as effects of abuse.

*Crime Movies — An Illustrated History* by Carlos Clarens is the story of gangster genre in film from D. W. Griffith to The Godfather and beyond.

*The Principles of Marketing* consists of 18 chapters in video form dealing with how environmentalism affects buying habits, and whether Japanese products really are better.

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EYE on VENTURES

# Ventures competes in labor market skills

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Many colleges have become more competitive in providing skills training to Ontario's labor market and Niagara College is no exception.

Through its newly-formed Ventures division, the college has set out to offer support, training and development for individuals, businesses and community groups with a more focused goal — to meet the changing labor market's skill requirements.

"Colleges can do more than anyone to solve the economic ills," said college President John Saso in a recent *What's Up Niagara* magazine interview. "But first we have to restructure so we're more competitive, and now is the time to do that, not when the recession is over."

Ventures, almost two years old, took programs already in place at the college, designed new programs and revamped the structure under one umbrella division covering seven divisions: Access Division, Joint Ventures, Marketing and Communication, Centre for Environmental Training, Skills Development, Technical Skills Training and Continuing Education.

Saso expressed confidence in naming Dan Patterson as vice-president. He took over when Ventures began.

Patterson is no stranger to training and education. He came to Niagara with many years experience working in federal and provincial government training programs. As director of the Partnership Branch with the Skills Development ministry he worked with the 23 colleges in the province.

"Being inside government for those years, I know how to quickly get through all the red tape," says Patterson.

"The peninsula needs a strong economic renewal because of the difficult times we're going through," he says. "All the Ventures' team rally around the notion of how we can collectively bring our different resources together to make a difference."

Patterson says Niagara has the seven best training consultants in the area.

Through the Ontario Skills Development incentive program, Ventures assists more than 350 employers a year in developing training plans. Skills Development Director Bea Clark is in charge of a new employer incentive program through Jobs Ontario Training Fund (JOTF) which offers businesses a $10,000 training credit for each new job created.

The Centre for Environmental Training assists Canadian industries and businesses in developing skills to deal with environmental issues.

Members of the Niagara College Ventures team include: left to right seated, Bea Clark, director of Skills Development; Dan Patterson, vice-president, Ventures; and Jon Ogryzlo, general manager, the Centre for Environmental Training. Standing left to right are: George Repar, director, Joint Ventures; Gail Wickenden, administrative assistant; Brian Moukperian, director, Technical Skills Training; Marti Jurmain, director, Access; Lyn Russo, director, Marketing and Communications. Absent from the photo is Foster Zanutto, director Continuing Education.

Photo by Sheryl Thornton

"What Ventures does is provide a vehicle to focus in on adult training and focus in on new initiatives such as ours that look at specialized market needs like environmental training," says Jon Ogryzlo, general manager of the centre.

Patterson says Ventures has brought in more than a half a million dollars of new state-of-the-art capital equipment to help in the training and upgrading of people.

The Technical Skills Division provides trades upgrading, apprenticeships, technician and technologist programs.

Director Brian Moukperian, who has been at the college for a year, says his programs "have turned around dramatically."

"We offer about five major technical programs. All are well positioned with good equipment and good employer contact," he says.

"Ventures is a division that is designed for outreach. Most of the divisions under Ventures are connected to the community in some way," says Marti Jurmain, director of Access Division.

"My division is expected to deal with adults in the community who want retraining, upgrading or who want to come back into post-secondary for some reason.

"Ventures puts under one umbrella a number of diverse things that have one common goal — community outreach," she says.

Patterson says Ventures is much needed and unrecognized.

"One of the messages I'd like to send out to the students as well as the community at large is that Ventures is really open for business. We're going to be heard, and we're going to be out there in support of an economic renewal agenda for the peninsula."

# Incentive to hire

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Ventures division has helped put 16 unemployed people to work in the start of a 2,000 job-creation program for the Niagara Region.

The program, Jobs Ontario Training Fund (JOTF), gives Ontario businesses an added incentive to increase their workforce and in turn help renew the economy.

After competing against other community groups, Ventures' Skills Development divison was selected as a regional broker for the $1.1-billion three-year project.

As broker, the college works with employers and industry associations matching suitable people and providing training and education.

"We come to the community table with a lot of knowledge, expertise and spirit to help be part of turning the economy around," says Dan Patterson, vice-president of Ventures.

The incentive, a $10,000 training credit, is given to employers for each person hired from the target group — the province's long-term unemployed and those receiving social assistance, says Patterson.

The employer will receive a 35 per cent training credit, up to $10,000 of the annual wage for each new job creation, says Bea Clark, director of Skills Development, and member of the Jobs Ontario Training Fund steering committee at the college.

"With that credit, the employer trains the new worker to do the job, or that person could take a course or training session. The employer can use a portion of the money, up to 50 per cent, to help train others or existing employees.

"It's intended that we work with employers in Niagara who have identified that they are on the verge of creating new jobs and it's hoped that this program will tip the balance in favor of creating that new job," Clark says.

The college is optimistic in receiving $16 million from the provincial government for the program. Of that, nearly $14 milion will go toward the training credit, she says.

The province is launching its print news campaign this month to bring the program to the attention of Ontario employers. The college will also mount an advertising campaign, Clark said.

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# *Program offers second chance*

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Each day was filled with boredom and lethargy. Her only bright day was when the welfare cheque arrived. With a Grade 8 education, she had no ambition and absolutely no self-esteem.

That was Betty Reid two years ago. The tables have turned for the 37 year old, who after a 20-year absence from the education system received her Grade 12 diploma through the Ontario Basic Skills, (OBS) program at Niagara College. And what's more, come next June, Reid will graduate from the Educational Resources and Special Needs program.

She started the OBS program at the Hospitality Centre in Niagara Falls and finished at the St. Catharines campus taking math and English courses to obtain her Grade 12, giving her a stepping stone for post-secondary education.

It was no easy task, says Reid. She credits her instructors and counsellors for providing motivation.

"My one instructor used to say, 'you can do it' until I finally believed her."

BETTY REID

And believe her she did, Reid went on to win an award for outstanding contribution to good fellowship.

Donna Putman, an OBS counsellor, helped Reid plan her post-secondary education, choosing the ERSN program.

"I knew I wanted to work with children and adults who need more help," Reid said. "I thought I'd give it a try and now I just love it!"

The self-esteem has returned, especially she says, after a 72-pound weight loss. And she is now confident enough to tutor an OBS student a few hours a week. Now Reid finds herself telling this student, "you can do it — I did."

Success stories, like Betty's are "wonderful", says Putman.

"For the most part, people end up going either on to training, into a job or into further education," she says. "We have 150 students in the program usually and approximately 40 to 50 go on to post secondary."

The Ontario Basic Skills program is designed for adults, 25 years of age and older who have missed their education for one reason or another.

"It's an adult-designed, adult-driven program which focuses on getting the skills they need not the content," Putman says. "It's a full-time program, funded by the Ontario ministry of education. Transportation and child-care subsidies also help to get rid of some barriers."

When Reid graduates next year, she hopes to find employment in an adult group home in Niagara Falls. Asked if there is a message for other adults in her position, she stated: "Go for it, you can do it — I did!"

HEALTH

# Annual blood donor clinic to be held Nov. 16

## *SAC, Hamilton nurses, Welland Red Cross involved*

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

It could be an emergency as the result of a car accident, or an ongoing necessity in the case of illness.

The facts are every 20 seconds someone in Canada requires blood and the demand isn't being met.

Niagara College's annual blood donor clinic will be Nov. 16 in the gymnasium.

The Student Administrative Council-sponsored event is operated by nurses from Hamilton's blood team along with volunteers from the Welland chapter of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The major goal of the Red Cross is to ensure that every person needing blood gets it. The clinic gives college students and staff an opportunity to help the society meet that goal.

Jan Potton, vice-president of the Welland branch of the Red Cross and a psychology instructor at the college, works each year with her Law and Security Administration program students to promote the event.

Students will place posters throughout the college, ticket cars and parade the halls in costumes in an effort to make people aware of the need for their support at this year's clinic.

Despite the students' efforts, donations have steadily declined in recent years. The number of Niagara students who donated blood fell from 7.7 per cent in 1990 to only 5.2 per cent last year. That was the second lowest total in the 21 years the school has held the event.

"I get more discouraged every year because I get more elaborate with the students," said Potton.

It isn't surprising that the LASA program and Ambulance and Emergency Care program students gave 150 of the 207 pints donated last year.

"The students I teach will be dealing with crises. They will see people who will need blood," she said.

*"People don't realize how critical it can be for someone who needs blood."*

This year's clinic will be operated differently from past years. Since the majority of donors are from the LASA and ambulance programs, 10 a.m. until noon will be set aside for them. Other students can donate from noon until 3 p.m. Faculty and staff, because of their limited time, will be given priority passes, enabling them to bypass lines.

National Blood Donor Appreciation Week concluded Oct. 25. Area clinics received good responses largely because of the work of volunteers who called regular donors to remind them of upcoming clinics. Unfortunately, it's the same people who tend to donate, Potton said.

"I'm very concerned about the fact that young people don't tend to volunteer and that surgery gets cancelled because of blood shortages. People don't realize how critical it (donating blood) can be for someone who needs blood. I feel it's the responsibility of those of us who are healthy to give blood," Potton said.

Blood and blood products are used a number of ways. Whole blood is used for surgery, open heart operations and complete exchanges of blood. Red cells are used to treat anemia. Cryoprecipitate is used to treat haemophilia. Platelets are used on leukemia patients. Blood fractions are used to treat shock, extensive burns and infectious disease.

"With the Christmas season coming, the demand for blood will greatly increase because of the number of car accidents that occur," Potton said.

"Canada is one of the few countries that has free donations and free service. That in itself, I think, makes it pretty special for someone who needs surgery.

"This is the one thing students can do that doesn't cost them anything, other than a half-hour of their time. From a health point of view, they can give something to someone else."

## *More first-time donors required*

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

If this year's blood donor clinic at the college is to receive better support than in recent years, it will require a larger number of contributions from first-time donors.

Because Red Cross workers recognize the fears of first-time donors, special efforts are being taken to make them feel comfortable.

"The Red Cross staff are very supportive of first-time donors. There will be a separate table set up where they can register," said Jan Potton, vice-president of the Welland branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and psychology instructor at Niagara College.

"They're so worried about the needle. Their only exposure to needles might be if they've had blood taken. Once they see it's a painless procedure, their fears will be overcome," Potton said.

While students are being urged to donate, it is important they understand the requirements and restrictions which apply.

To be eligible, it must be 10 weeks since your last blood donation, you must not have taken prescription medication for three days and you must have had a recent meal. You must also be 17 years of age and weigh more than 100 pounds.

Students will be ineligible to donate blood if they have used accutane within the past month; have a cold or sore throat; have cold sores; have diabetes and are not on diet control; had their ears pierced within the past year; have the flu; have performed hazardous occupations within the past 72 hours; have high blood pressure; have had infectious mononucleosis within the past six months; have had a tattoo in the last year; had pneumonia within the last three months or if they appear impaired by alcohol or marijuana. A complete list of restrictions will be available at the registration desk.

First-time donors will receive a button and plaque from the Red Cross.

"If students start the process now, it will become a habit," Potton said.

If you are eligible and wish to donate, please bring photo identification to the cafeteria Nov. 16.

# Local doctors to join college's health team

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

Niagara College has for the first time two doctors from the Welland County General Hospital to provide services for students and staff.

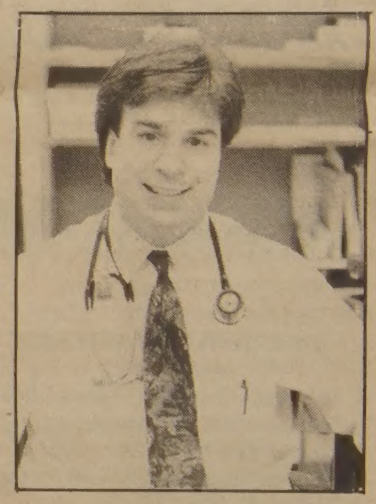
There was a "need for a community-based facility," said Dr. Colin Zides.

Dr. Zides and Dr. Neil Pritchard will be in the Welland campus health centre two mornings a week unless there is a greater demand. There is a possibility that one more doctor will join the college's health team.

Appointments can be made with the college nurse, Caroline Hurst, Mondays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Drop-ins are welcome.

There are a lot of students who come to the college from surrounding areas. This facility will be appreciated by students who don't have family doctors in the area, said Dr. Zides. The health centre is open to everyone.

Dr. Zides works in the emergency ward at Welland County General Hospital. He did his undergraduate work at McGill University in Montreal. He practised medicine for two years.



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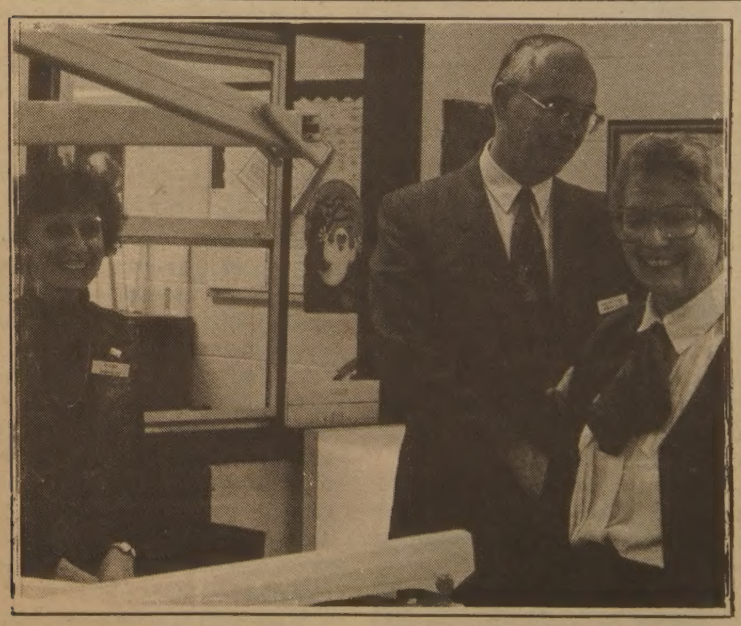

Helping out with the dental clinic's open house Oct. 26 are Jo Szabo, clinical technician, at left, Bob Baddeley, director of allied health studies, and Mary Bondarchuk, dental hygiene clinic instructor.

Photo By Sheri Goodman

## *Board chairman pays visit to Dental Hygiene open house*

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

The first visitor to attend the Dental Hygiene program's open house Oct. 26 was Bernard Baril, Niagara College chairman of the board of governors.

The board reinstated the suspended dental hygiene program this year with the assistance of a task force of dentists from the Niagara Peninsula Dental Association who raised $160,000 in money and equipment.

Donations came from dental hygenists, assistants, manufacturers and suppliers. They encouraged the board to reinstate the program and were anxious to see it resumed. Fundraising is continuing for further expansion when time and money are available.

The program must be funded for three years before it will receive provincial government assistance. The funding is needed for operating costs.

Dr. Jim Jeffs was chairman of the dental advisory board in 1988 when the dental hygiene program was suspended. He has been actively involved with getting it reinstated.

"He has been very instrumental as a dentist in practice to get us through this stage," said Dr. Edward Henderson, the college's consultant for the dental health programs.

Bob Baddeley, director of the college's Allied Health Services

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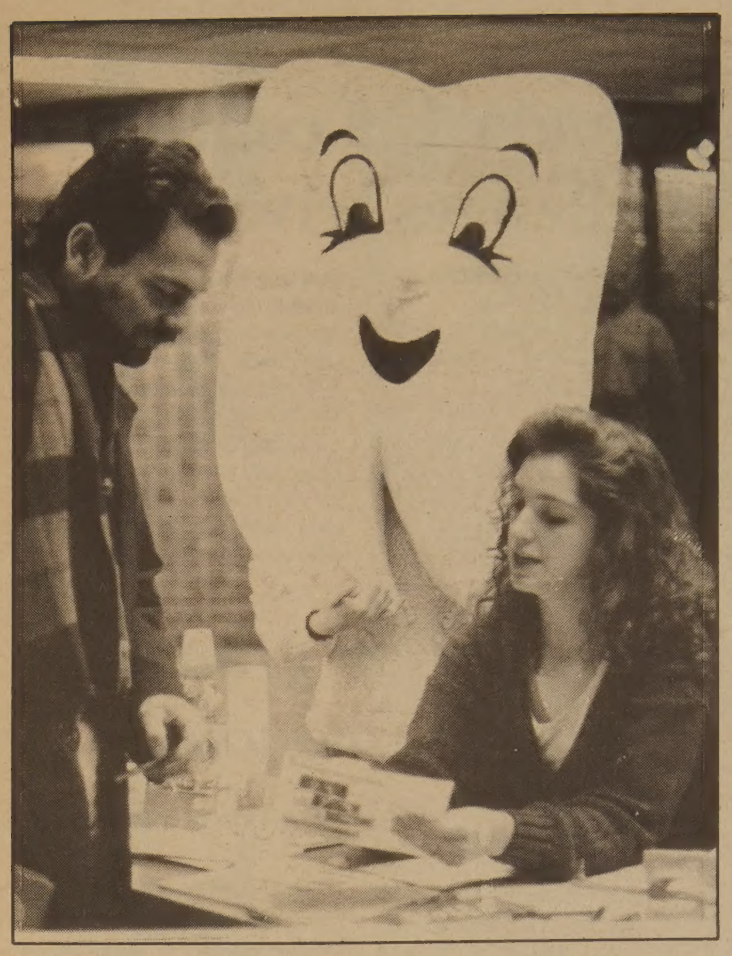

## Promoting dental health

Promoting the Dental Clinic, which will open next January, are Sue Leroy, dressed as a tooth, and Jan Beehler, both dental hygiene program students. The students were promoting dental health as a school project last Tuesday and Wednesday. Appointments for cleanings can be made. The cost is $10.

**Photo by Sheri Goodman**

# Dental hygiene

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division, has also been a "staunch backer," he said.

"John Saso (Niagara College president) has been such a tremendous driving force behind this. His enthusiasm has been fantastic and it has been great to work with him," Henderson said.

He said Saso kept the issue before the college's board and helped out in a variety of ways in reinstating the program.

"I am very pleased with what I see," Baril said. "It gives me a great feeling to see this meeting the requirements of the students. I have to give a lot of credit to the people who came to the board. It was needed and required in the region. It has been difficult for the college because of the deficit, but it is a very important program to the college and the dental community is happy to see it."

"Nothing is more rewarding than fundraising," said Lawrence Naftulin, vice-chairman and chief executive officer of the Niagara College Foundation.

"The dentists have shown a tremendous level of support. We have to raise $300,000 over the next two to three years," he said.

Planning is under way.

## Food for thought

Nutritional value was the theme of this student project. From left are Mary Powers, Cheryl Csetri and Lela Michalski. These dental hygiene program students explain the importance of nutrition in studying for midterms.

**Photo by Sheri Goodman**

# Film students create sound for commercials

**By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD**
**Staff Writer**

Cellular equals death. Modern technology claims yet another victim.

Paul Gardener hangs out the window of his recently smashed car bleeding-but gripping his cellular phone.

This scene was the brain child of Steve Butler, a second-year radio and television broadcasting student majoring in film.

Shot on location in St. Catharines on Oct. 8, it took about four hours to complete. A group of nine second-year film students, along with one instructor, began setting up about 9 a.m. After three or four location changes, the film was completed around noon.

"At least we got it done within the time limit," said Butler who directed and created the concept.

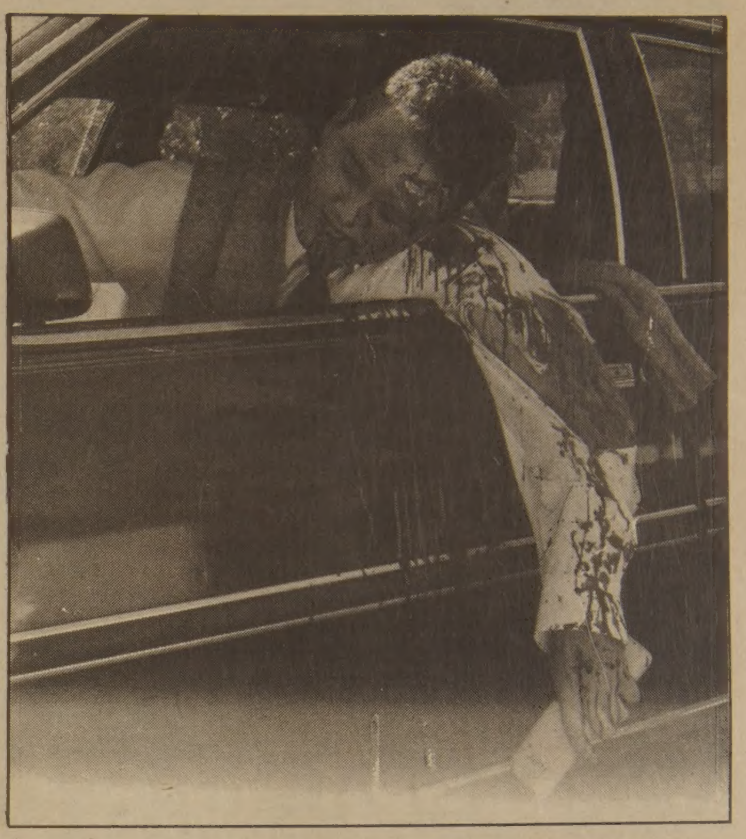
While waiting for directions, the crew chattered using a British accent. The tongue in cheek type humor used by Spinal Tap, the British rock group, was apparant.

"We have to do this to keep from going completely insane," said Mark Dempstead, staying in British character.

While the troupe was shooting at Municipal Beach in St. Catharines they drew a crowd. The audience sat and watched.

Butler was "pleased" with the shoot. Although there were a few location problems, it went well, he said. "Once we got into the final scenes everything was running smoothly."

The purpose for the shoot was practise in synchronizing sound in a 30-second commercial format.



Second-year radio and television student Paul Gardner plays the victim in Cellular Equals Death.

**Photo by Kimberly Sheppard**

Each had a job and was "supervised" by Elias Petras, a film teacher. Asked if he was on site to supervise, he replied with a chuckle, "Yeah . . . trying to."

Butler said he was pleased at how his crew took direction and performed their jobs. "My crew generally worked well together, considering it was the first time for a lot of them doing their particular job."

The shoot was to be edited the following week. "The shoot was successfully done but you really find out how successful when it gets into the editing room. Editing will make or break any film," said Butler.

# *Scholarship established in receptionist's name*

**By STUART KRICK**
**Staff Writer**

A Penny Arsenault Scholarship Fund has been established at Niagara College.

This fund was organized in memory of Penny Arsenault, 45, who died in August. She was a secretary/receptionist in the Student Services Counselling department at Niagara College.

The scholarship will be given to a first year student who has has made an exceptional contribution to student life at the college. A committee has been organized to select the winner. The first winner will be announced at graduation 1993.

"She was the only one who made my seven hours enjoyable. We would be stacked up with work, and one look at her through the doorway, and she would say something and I might laugh, and then everything would seem better," said Lou Dimattio, a fellow worker and the head of the Student Services department at the college.

"The counselling office coffee fund has pledged $200 to the scholarship, and we challenge the coffee funds around the college to pledge some money as well," she said.

Arsenault, born in Fredrickton, N.B., had worked at the college for a number of years, spending the last six in the Student Services office.

She is survived by her husband, Ray, and two teenagers, Christy and Craig, both students at Notre Dame Secondary School in Welland.

The Niagara College family was saddened by the death of Shirley Lethby, 48, a secretary to the director of Continuing Education.

She died Oct. 10. She worked at the college the last 11 years.

"The entire department will miss a very valued friend and co-worker. She was a very special lady. She had a lot of dignity and courage. She was important to everyone here," said Noreen Casson, development officer in the office.

Lethby is survived by her husband, Larry.

"Both ladies were very valued members of Niagara College. They always worked in the best interest of the students. They will be greatly missed by all," said college president John Saso.

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## Craft sale visits Niagara, sales "really slow"

Margret VanHelvoort peddled handicrafts and jewelry in the Student Centre on Nov. 3 and 4. VanHelvoort tours at colleges and universities selling necklaces, bracelets, and woolen objects. She said that business at Niagara College was "really slow."

Photo by Duncan Warrener

# Win '15 minutes of fame'

## New contest on CRNC

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

The posters hang throughout the college. People glance at them and wonder how they'll get their *15 Minutes of Fame*. Will they have to do something embarrassing, difficult, or even illegal? No.

All Niagara students need to do to have a chance at *15 Minutes of Fame* is enter a new contest airing on Campus Radio Niagara College, sponsored by Journey's End hotels.

Students fill out a ballot with their name and three songs they wish to hear on CRNC, and deposit it in one of the ballot boxes located on the Welland campus at After Hours, the mini-cafeteria, library, bookstore, and main cafeteria. Students can enter as often as they wish.

At 11:30 a.m. daily, one ballot will be randomly chosen and its requests played, providing CRNC has the songs. The chosen ballot will be entered into the grand prize draw.

The grand prize draw takes place at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 30. The winner will receive a free weekend for two at any Journey's End hotel in Canada.

The contest began Nov. 2.

If you would like more information, contact Danny Sullivan, second-year radio, at the Broadcasting department located in the Voyageur wing of the Welland campus.

# Canada 125 contest challenges trivia buffs

By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

Canadian trivia experts should step forward. Here's your chance to win instant prizes.

Just take the Canada 125 Challenge, a call-in telephone contest that asks multiple choice questions about Canada, ranging from history to hockey.

The grand prize is a 1993 Chevy Lumina. Three other grand prizes include two trips on Canadian Airlines and a cellular telephone. One hundred and twenty-five $10 long distance gift certificates will also be available each week.

Players can call 1-900-561-5555. There will be a 50-cent charge for the first minute, plus 35 cents for each additional minute. Average calls are about two minutes.

# *Niagara film graduates compete provincially*

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Three films by Niagara College 1992 graduates are among several entries in the Scarborough Arts Council's first Film/Video Festival Competition.

*Abuse: The Truth and Passion* is a 17-minute video by television graduate Tammy McMullen. The documentary about child abuse and incest was one of 19 first-prize winners of the TVOntario Telefest competition held last May.

Also entered is a documentary directed by film graduate Paula Tymchuk entitled *Lost In the Shuffle*. The 11-minute film features an institutionalized teenager with spinal biffida.

Niagara's final entry is a 17-minute fiction film by Barry McMann, also a film graduate. *Danbo* is "a spoof on Rambo", said Tom Pagonis, a television instructor, explaining that the plot centres around a student who "goes nuts and tries to take over the college."

First screening of all entries takes place Monday, Nov. 16, at the Scarborough Town Centre Cineplex Odeon. The 7:30 p.m. showing is open to the public and admission is free.

"Our mandate is to promote and develop the arts," said Myrna Miller-Tait, representative of the Scarborough Arts Council.

Wexford Collegiate Institute in Scarborough hosts the final screening of all films, as well as the awards ceremony, on Thursday, Nov. 19.

Plans for a Niagara College film festival are in the works, said Stu Black, co-ordinator of Broadcasting-Radio, Television, and Film. Black said he hopes to have such a festival organized for the 1993-94 school year.

# *Niagara College Christmas cards available soon*

By NICK PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

A design is being created for Niagara College's 1992 Christmas Card by students from the Visual and Creative Arts-Design program. This is the first time students from the program have had the opportunity of creating a design officially for the college's greeting cards.

"The final design is still unknown," said Ken Cosgrove, co-ordinator for the Creative Arts program.

The college's Marketing and Communications department will co-ordinate the production and distribution of the greeting cards. The cost of cards is undetermined. They will be ready by Nov. 13. Orders may be placed with Barbara Fonfara in H-1, ext. 7774.

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# HALLOWEEN

From top, clockwise: Venette Gerden, a second-year visual arts student, greeted cafeteria-bound students, dressed as Scarlet O'Hara in a southern belle's taffeta and lace gown. Group 2 of the Niagara College Day Care Centre took a stroll in their Halloween finery; from left, Jessica, resource instructor Jennifer, Dustin and Mason. Taking a moment to rest was Group 7, from left: Mrs. Price, Krissy, Magan, first-year early childhood education students Arlene and Nicky, Jamie, resource instructor Jennifer, first-year student Carrie-Ann and Eric. Laura Mantler, bus driver for Charterways, resplendent in witch's attire and her spidery vehicle; Looking for all the world like a bedraggled fairy with drooping magic wand, Alicia listens to instructions from Group 6 instructor Mrs. Morris.

**Photos by Kim Sheppard and Kim Walter**

# School bus driver spreads Halloween spirit

**By KIMBERLY WALTER**
**Staff Writer**

"I'm going to get you my pretty!"

For five years, Laura Mantler has been involved in the true Halloween spirit. Dressed as a witch, Laura has been surprising children and adults. She is a schoolbus driver in Niagara Falls, Ont. and every Halloween she dresses up both herself and her bus.

"I do it for the kids, but everyone that sees me usually laughs," she says.

She starts warning the children at least a week ahead of time getting the bus and the students ready. "I have to, especially for the kindergarten kids. The first year I just showed up for the day not telling any of the students what I was intending to do. I ended up with one little boy refusing to get on the bus stating this wasn't his driver and he was going home."

Laura drives high school students in the morning and afternoon and kindergarten students at noon. "The high school kids get as much enjoyment out of the costume and bus as the little ones do." Laura said the older students usually want their candy. "I give candy to all my students, I have 100 bags of candy made up and I give it to them as they get off the bus."

*A few other drivers dress up but no one else decorates their bus*

A few other drivers dress up but no one else decorates their bus. Laura's students, who ride her bus every year, expect to see her as a witch.

One student told her that "tomorrow is the day you take your mask off. Right?" Laura says this is something the youngsters like. This year one student, who has never ridden her bus before, got on and told her, "you really get into the spirit don't you?"

Laura has been driving for Charterways Transportation for seven years. She is the mother of three, and the grandmother of one. "My own kids get into the spirit, my daughters and their friends help get the bus ready. I also decorate the bus at Christmas. I have elves give out candy canes. This year, Santa will be joining us."

Student passengers are from Westlane, Stamford, and Niagara Falls Secondary Schools and her kindergarten children go to Ecole la Marsh.

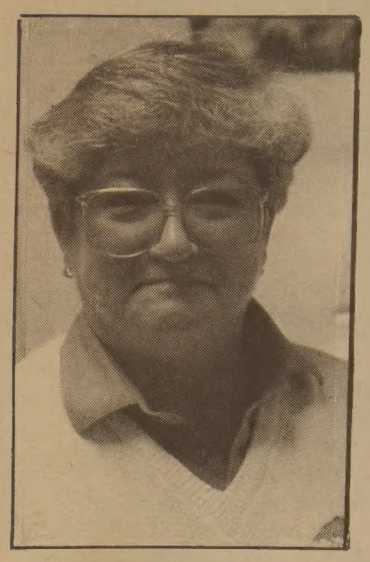
"The general manager of Charterways, Ron Royer even expects it from me," Laura says.

The decorations cannot be seen from the street since Laura has to ensure they don't impair her driving. They are only visible once you enter the bus.

Laura said this is something she enjoys and will continue to do for many years.

## NIAGARA SPEAKS

# What changes - if any - do you think will occur across Canada due to the 'No' response to the referendum?



### Jan Jenter

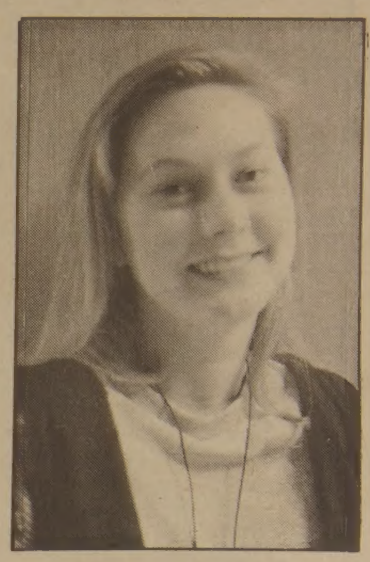
"I honestly don't know, I think people are fed up with the government and want them to concentrate on the economy," said Jan Jenter, a Mack nursing instructor.

### Huguette Riolo

"I don't think Quebec will separate. I've been in Ontario for 21 years and I just don't think they will. It's all the politicians that say that not the people," said Huguette Riolo, a first-year health care aide student and a Quebec native.

### Deby Dentelbeck

First-year health care aide student Deby Dentelbeck, 28, said,"No changes will take place. That's the way our government works. They promise things and never go through with them."



### Tracy Hurst

Tracy Hurst, 21, a second-year journalism-print student said, "I'm not aware of things that will officially change in the government, at least not for a while. But I think it has damaged the Canadian psyche; the morale of the whole country because it's saying no to unity in a time when we need to come together."

### Margaret Heath

Margaret Heath, first-year Mack nursing student, said,"I think that basically No was the right way to go and that Ontario was 50-50. Quebec overwhelmingly said No. I don't think that anything will occur or change the economic situation. No meant that we were against the negative aspects of the referendum."

Niagara Speaks is written from the files of Kim Morphew and Karla Schindel

# Canada's 125th birthday a cause for celebration

KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

Hot apple cider and bannock, an Indian style bread, set the scene for a luncheon celebrating Canada 125 last Monday at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

The feature of the event was a performance by the theatre troupe Eventfest from Hamilton. They recreated a Niagara garrison mess lunch. Throughout the performance the guests actively participated in the comical scenario.

"The theatre group will go through the luncheon by recreating a dinner from the mess hall in 1812 and they will be in costume," said Patrick Hogan, manager of food and beverage services, who also served as the main chef, along with Albert Cipryk, chef professor. Both are certified chefs by the Canadian Federation of Chefs de Cuisine.

The theatre group included Nigel Sloan and Randy Hill.

"It's wonderful to walk into a room and see the Canada 125 buttons on people and to see the Canada 125 flags on the tables," said Cheryl Burns, head of the countrywide Canada 125 committee. "We're 125 years old and we've got something to celebrate."

The meal included roast beef, pork ribs, roast lamb, rabbit stew, musk ox and huron whitefish.

"The Canada 125 is more meaningful right now but the future begins with you because we have the right to vote on our constitution," said Burns in a speech to the audiences.

Guests were invited from a number of education institutions in New York State: Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Erie County Community College in Buffalo; Niagara County Community College in Sanborn; and Onondaga Community College in Rochester and different members of staff from Niagara College.

# *It's not just another meat market*

## *Simcoe building's new hot dog stand*

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

A student walks up to the stand, surveys the hot dogs cooking and places his order.

Celine Foster takes a bun, and in it she places a hot dog. With a smile, she hands it over. The student reaches into his pocket and slowly pulls out a handful of small change. Foster counts it carefully and puts it in the till. She tells the student it doesn't bother her a bit.

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays, Foster sells hot dogs to students at the Welland campus. Students can be seen eating them standing up, sitting down, rushing to class or leaning against a doorwell. It's reaching epidemic proportions. To some she has become affectionately known as "the hot dog lady."

Foster is meticulous in her work. She is constantly wiping down the hot dog machine, cleaning the mustard and ketchup lids, making sure they are screwed on tightly, replacing chip bags and perfectly folding the empty bun bags.

She said she likes to keep the lids clean because some students lean against the condiment table and she "doesn't want them to get any on their clothes."

Foster said she learned to"keep things clean" from her mother. Foster has nine brothers and sisters who, while growing up, could get quite messy, but her mother managed to keep things clean.

Foster, who works for Versa Foods, has been at Niagara College for the last seven years, working in the Black Walnut cafeteria until she was asked to operate the hot dog stand in September.

Watching her interact with students, you get the feeling she is not just selling hot dogs, but is a friend to the students. She puts her arm around them and asks what they would like. And the students respond to her.

Foster said most of the students she serves are "very friendly" and she enjoys being around them. She says the odd one is rude, but overall they are "very polite."

So, next time your tummy is empty, take a stroll down to the Simcoe building for a hot dog and a smile. The "hot dog lady" is ready to serve you from her station by the elevator.

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# Former Legion president recalls war

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

Herb Schofield of Fort Erie says he will likely attend Remembrance Day ceremonies, but you know he won't miss them.

Schofield served in Britain's Royal Marines during the Second World War. At 18 in 1939, Schofield joined the Marines. After talking with him, you get the feeling that modesty motivates him to list youth and foolishness as the main reasons he enrolled. He spent the first three years of the war aboard the HMS Aurora, a cruiser.

Early in the war he was faced with the first deaths of his mates.

"Six of my buddies were killed," he said.

Many similar experiences left Schofield with his greatest impression of war. The years have not dulled the sadness, which was evident when he spoke.

"Burial at sea was very, very sad. They wrap the guys up in hammocks, attach lead weights to them, place a flag over them and put the body overboard. You see your buddies going over the side," Schofield said.

During his three years on the Aurora, Schofield saw plenty of action - so much that he said he rarely thought much of the bombings.

He spent the last three years of the war as a printer for the Commander-in-Chief Staff, where he typed the orders for ship's destinations.

He remembers being in Rome, where he had an audience with the Pope, the day the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

"I drank a few beers that day, I think," he said with a smile.

Schofield received seven medals for his years of service, but modestly puts little stock in them.

"They're all right. It's more a case of someone liking you."

He met his wife, Agnes, in Portsmouth, England. They were married in 1942.

As a main naval base, Portsmouth was bombed often.

"My wife saw more action than a lot of the people from the Legion," Schofield said.

In 1957, Schofield and his wife, along with their children, moved to Canada. They weren't unhappy in England, but thought their children would have more opportunities here.

"We came because of the children. It wouldn't have occurred to us if representatives from Canada weren't canvassing young families," Agnes Schofield said.

Herb Schofield worked as a printer for many newspapers before settling in Fort Erie to work for the Buffalo News.

Schofield served as president of Fort Erie's Branch 71 of the Royal Canadian Legion. As chairman of the building committee, he was largely responsible for the creation of its new building, which opened in 1989. Beautifully located, the Legion overlooks Mather's Arch and the Peace Bridge. However, he deflects credit for finding such a perfect site.

"My wife found the site when she was walking," he said.

With so few veterans still living, the Legion now accepts children, husbands and wives of children, and grandchildren of veterans as members and associate members.

"The members will try to keep it alive as long as they can. It will be up to the sons and daughters to decide what they want to do with it. Eventually it will become a social club," Schofield said.

Again this year, for Remembrance Day, volunteers from the Legion will sell poppies, with proceeds going to aid the families of veterans. Most Legions will hold ceremonies at 11 a.m. on Nov. 8 and Nov. 11.

While Schofield willingly shared his experiences during the war, he doesn't want a big deal made of them. He thinks more about the less fortunate ones, but doesn't want to tell people what they should think about.

"That's up to them. I just hope they don't experience the things we did. I hope they never have to, like my brother."

Schofield's brother was a member of the Royal Air Force. As a Japanese prisoner of war, he almost starved to death.

He says he doesn't think much about the past.

"So many were killed. I think about all the guys I was with. It's kind of sad, really. I hope it never happens again."

It may be easy for some of us to let Remembrance Day pass without giving much thought to the men who fought and gave their lives for our country. For a veteran, the images and memories that Remembrance Day evoke won't allow that.

That's why when Remembrance Day ceremonies take place in Fort Erie, you know Herb Schofield will be there.

# *College's operators really chatting it up*

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

Imagine having to answer the phone 17,000 times in one week. That's a normal week for us, said Maria Topa, switchboard operator for Niagara College.

The switchboard for the college is located in Lundy building, behind the computer store and is operated by two full-time operators and one part-time operator. Helen Wallace, a full-time operator, has been with the switchboard staff for 23 years. She received the "Award of Excellence" in August 1991 for an outstanding job as a support staff member.

Topa, a full-time operator, has been with the switchboard staff for two years. Originally with the Print department, Topa was trained as a relief operator. "But I somehow ended up over here,"she said.

The switchboard answers calls for Ventures, St. Catharines campus, Hospitality and Tourism Centre, and Welland campus. The peak season for incoming calls to Niagara is August to September because of the registration for day and night school.

"We have answered as many as 560 calls in an hour during that season," said Topa.

"People ask us everything from directions to weather to what are the roads like," said Wallace. "You wanna have fun, come in when the first snowflake falls."

Helen Wallace

Maria Topa

The questions from the calls on the first day of snow begin: Is the school closing? and then to, Do you think the school will be closing?

"Sometimes mothers will ask us to page a student because the student forgot his lunch," says Topa. "With well over 4,000 students, we only page if it's an emergancy."

All calls leaving the building are computerized so that the switchboard can tell how long an extension is engaged. Long distance calls are monitored when a monthly print out is received from the computer.

"Most people are nice on the phone, sometimes it can depend on the weather," said Topa. "But if I answer nicely, I find you can change a person's mood."

# Week of the child concludes after 'getting a lot of participation'

By MARY LEMIEUX
Staff Writer

Children still love the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and it showed during the Centennial Secondary School Band's rendition of the pizza-eating, green reptiles' movie theme song. The children of Niagara College's day care clapped their hands to the music and tried humming along to the popular tune.

"The children are having a great time," said Lou Kelly, an early childhood education teacher.

The Welland high school's concert band visited the Early Childhood Centre on Oct. 22. They played songs for the children as part of the centre's open house activities for the Week of the Child.

*"I think we're getting a lot of participation."*
*said Lou Kelly*

Displays of books, toys and information pamphlets were set up by various area merchants and organizations.

Children had their faces painted compliments of the Family Counselling Centre from Family and Children's Services Niagara. Cats, tulips and Ninja Turtles were painted on their cheeks.

A wagon was donated by Heather Child Care Supplies of Mississauga. Kayla, from Group 2 at the centre, won the door prize.

"I think we're getting a lot of participation. There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm at the college," said Kelly.

The open house festivities concluded the 13th annual Week of the Child celebrations at the college.

# *March of Dimes forum on accessible housing today*

By ROGER STROOP
Staff Writer

The Ontario March of Dimes is sponsoring an Accessible Housing Forum today at the CAW Hall in St. Catharines.

The forum will include presentations, speakers and workshops aimed at increasing awareness of accessibility issues in the Niagara area, according to a press release from the March of Dimes.

Among the topics to be dealt with are design and building of accessible homes and attendant care.

There will be three presenters from the Niagara region, one from Hamilton, one from Toronto and one from Ottawa, says Penny Grossi, Community Development Co-ordinator for the Ontario March of Dimes.

As of Oct. 28, 70 people had registered to attend the forum, Grossi said.

Walter Zutell, a first-year business administration student at Niagara College, is serving on the advisory board for the event, said Caroline Gruhl, Special Needs Assistant.

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SPORTS

Ian Robertson tweaks hard on a trampoline in preparation for the upcoming season. Trampoline boarding creates "air awareness" as well as providing a soft landing surface for failed tricks.

**Photos By Duncan Warrener**

# Snowboarding : an unconventional way to hit the slopes

**By DUNCAN WARRENER**
**Staff Writer**

So you want the skinny on a new sport to try this winter? Picture racing down a snow-blanketed hill, wind in your face, ice cream cold flakes rushing out of the sky trying to knock you off your feet which are firmly strapped to a board.

Huh? What do you mean snowboarding doesn't sound like a good time? Have you ever tried it? Everyone stood up on their toboggan at one point in their childhood. Yes, it's alright to admit it.

Snowboarding had its beginnings in the late '60s. Riders piloted their crudely-built boards with clenched teeth and a rope tied to the front of the board. Snowboarding grew from these humble beginnings to become the high-tech sport it is today. Boards no longer resemble a monsterous water ski, but are professionally built with ski-type materials. The average snowboard is made of wood or polyurethane that is wrapped in fiberglass.

Similar to both surfing and skateboarding, snowboarding is almost universally accepted at resorts. This wasn't always the way though. Midnight excursions were the only way to get on resort hills in the past for intrepid boarders. Resorts had a negative perception of snowboarders for a long time. Many think that snowboarding is new. It's not. Resort owners, in the last few years, have realized that snowboarders' money works just as well as skiers' does and have decided to let them on the hill.

Snowboarders are proving to be profitable to resorts. They are injecting revenue into a ski industry which was projecting zero growth in the late '80s. People who would otherwise never be on a ski hill are showing up to board. The majority of snowboarders are cross-over skateboarders. Their aggresive attitude has pushed the level of tricks done by snowboarders to extreme levels. Amateurs that are interested in competing can enter contests at local hills which are sponsored by shops.

Snowboards range anywhere in price from $200 to $600. Expensive you say? Compare it to skiing where you would have to buy boots, poles, as well as the skis. Those new to snowboarding will find it costs about the same or even less than breaking into skiing.

Many resorts are offering lessons taught by certified snowboard instructors. They are a reasonable price and are a good way for the beginner to learn. The average person can learn to snowboard reasonably well in two or three days.

There is a good chance this year if you are out on the slopes riding up a lift, that the person sitting beside you will not be on two planks. Talk to him and find out what's up. If you're the adventuresome type give snowboarding a chance this year, you might like it.

# Chance to win Geo Tracker in OCAA fundraising draw

**By STUART KRICK**
**Staff Writer**

The purpose of the display "is to raise money for college varsity athletic programs," says Patti Shapton, executive director of Ontario Colleges Athletic Association, referring to a table piled with books of tickets, sky-blue OCAA clipboards and water bottles.

The display was located at the Tecumseh lobby on Oct. 28. The main attraction of the display was the sale of tickets for a draw on Dec. 8 for a 1993 Geo Tracker, donated by General Motors.

The yellow Geo Tracker was parked in front of the doors of the Tecumseh lobby so ticket buyers could see the vehicle.

"The tickets come in books of 30, and you have to scratch the ticket to see if you pay $1, $2, or get the ticket for free. There are 10 of each per book," she said, adding the OCAA hopes to sell 40,000 tickets at the 23 colleges in Ontario.

"The money raised goes an the athletic fund.

"There will be lots of early bird draws, an award for the top sales person, and, for people who sell a whole book, there will be a separate draw where the winner gets a first class VIA Rail return ticket between any two cities between Quebec City and Windsor," Shapton said.

The sky-blue clipboards cost $3, while the water bottles cost $2.

# *Bassi 'optimistic' about new year*

**By PETER KOZELA**
**Staff Writer**

Niagara Knights hockey coach Fred Bassi is "very optimistic" about the team heading into their first regular-season game tomorrow night against Conestoga College of Kitchener.

"As far as I'm concerned, we're 0-0," Bassi said, discounting the team's 0-3 record in the pre-season, the most recent a 10-1 loss at Seneca College last Thursday.

"We're not at complete full strength yet. We have some guys who are injured at the moment. I will probably dress 10 forwards and five defensemen," Bassi said.

He said Rob Wylde will be the starting goaltender tomorrow night and Dale Zimmerman will be the captain while Andrew Clark and Pat Skuta will be the assistant captains.

"We're looking at Dale, Andrew, and Pat to provide leadership both on and off the ice. This is a completely new team from last year and we're looking for an identity right now. We still have not come together as a team yet. This league (Ontario Collegiate Athletiic Association) is going to be an aggressive one, if you have to come play every night,"Bassi said.

In order for the Knights to beat Conestoga, Bassi said the team must keep Conestoga off the puck.

"They're a fairly big team. We'll have to be on top of our game to beat them. We had no consistency in the pre-season."

Bassi said his team is looking forward to playing Conestoga. A win will give them "the confidence they need to begin the season," he said. "It is important for us to start strong in this league. If we're not able to do that we'll have our work cut out for us," Bassi said.

After the Knights play Conestoga tomorrow, they will play two games at Welland Arena next Friday and Saturday against Sir Sanford Fleming of Peterborough and Lindsay. Tomorrow night's game at Welland Arena begins at 8 p.m.

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# Knights struggle in tourney

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's volleyball team played host to the Niagara Invitational exhibition tournament last Saturday but didn't gain much respect from their guests as they finished the tournament with a 1-2 record.

The Knights opened the tournament against Georgian College of Barrie and were defeated in two straight games, 15-11 and 15-12. All tournament games were played in a best-of-three format. Jim Konrad led the Knights' attack with nine kills while Brent Roszell added six. Defensively, the Knights made only six blocks.

"Our blocking must improve and we'll work on that this week," Knights' coach Ray Sarkis said. "They (Georgian) were stronger than I thought but the match could have gone either way."

The Knights' only win came against Conestoga College of Kitchener. The match went three games (15-13, 9-15, and 17-15), but Sarkis said his troops should have won in two. "The passing wasn't there so it was difficult to run our offence properly," he said. "We had the same problem in our first league game against George Brown."

Konrad led the attack as he had 17 kills with Greg Heyder adding nine and Roszell chipping in with seven. Heyder and Brian Dekker were the keys on defence with three blocks each.

In their final game of the tournament, the Knights were defeated by George Brown College in three games, 15-5, 13-15, and 10-15. Once again Konrad was the offensive force as he led the charge with eight kills. Heyder and Dekker each added seven kills. Rick Holmar came off the bench to make some excellent digs on defence.

"Once we get the middle established our game will improve," Sarkis said. "Hopefully, we made all of our mistakes in the tournament so we get them out of the way for league play."

Niagara's Muchtar Ganiefi (#23) comes up with a loose ball against Sheridan's Patrick Haye (#32) and Chris Watson (#25) in an exhibition loss. Merv Wrighton (#42) stands in the background.

Photo by Rick Kinzel

# *Knights open season with win*

By FRANK IUDICIANI
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The Niagara Knights men's volleyball team opened their regular season with a strong showing as they defeated George Brown College of Toronto three games to one in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Division Two play on Oct. 29.

The Knights jumped out to an early 13-6 lead in the first game, but George Brown stormed back with nine unanswered points to take the game.

"The blocking wasn't there early," said Knights' coach Ray Sarkis. "We weren't able to establish a middle attack."

Unlucky number 13 came into play in the second game as the Knights built up a 13-5 lead, only to have George Brown come back to tie the score. However, the Knights prevailed as Brian Dekker and Brent Roszell each blocked for a point to give Niagara a 15-13 win.

"We weren't putting them (George Brown) away like we should have," Sarkis said.

Game three saw both teams off-balance as neither could establish a scoring streak. With Niagara leading 7-6, the Knights' Jim Konrad made a great diving save to preserve the point and give Niagara new life. They proceeded to take the third game 15-13.

George Brown came out flat in game four as Niagara broke out to a quick 13-0 lead, thanks to the team's serving game. The visitors attempted a comeback but were quickly halted as Niagara prevailed 15-4 to take the game and match.

Konrad led the offensive attack with 18 kills while Greg Heyder added eight and Dekker six. Roszell and Gary Fraser also contributed with five and three kills respectively. Dan Lemmon did an outstanding job setting for the hitters and added two kills. Alain Belanger put in a good effort coming off the bench with two kills.

The Knights were shaky defensively as they blocked 11 spike attempts. Roszell led all blockers with four, Dekker three, Heyder two, and one each for Konrad and Lemmon.

"The timing on our blocks was off. We were jumping too early and the ball was going over our hands," Sarkis said.

The Knights' next regular season game is Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Redeemer College in Ancaster. Game time is 8 p.m.

# Sheridan downs Knights in exhibition tune up

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

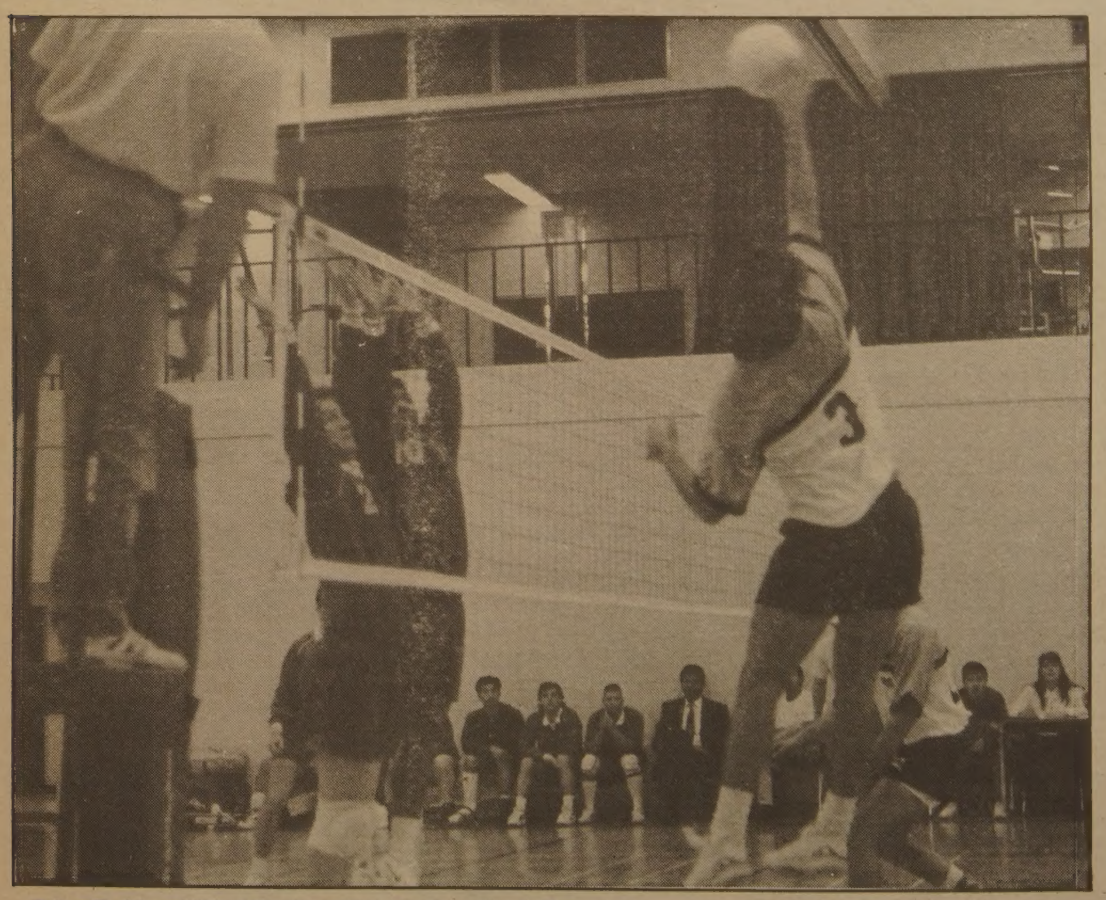
The Niagara Knights men's basketball team opened its season last week against Sheridan College in an exhibition match. Niagara lost 85-78.

The Knights trailed Sheridan by 14 at the half. For the most part of the second half the Knights trailed by 10. The team never quit, closing the Sheridan lead to five points with just over a minute remaining in the game. Chris watson of Sheridan hit a three point shot with eight seconds left to seal the Sheridan victory.

Nate Hogan of Sheridan led all scorers in the game with 19 points.

Niagara's leading scorers Paul Grummett and Scott Currie, each had 15. Merv Wrighton finished the game with 13 and Rick Sinclair had 12. Other scorers for Niagara, Frank Keltos with eight and Dan Macnab and Muchtar Ganiefi each had four.

Niagara will host the Niagara invitational tournament today and Saturday at the Welland campus.



Brian Dekker (#3) of the Knights' men's volleyball team, leaps to spike the ball while Keith Nichol (#2) and Winston Simmons (#10) of George Brown College attempt to block during league play Oct. 27. Niagara won the match three games to one.

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# International students exchange cultural experiences

By HENRY MALUNDA
Staff Writer

The International Student Association held a successful dinner-dance last Friday in the Niagara College cafeteria. The dinner-dance was intended to formally introduce the new association and its executive committee to the college; to provide an opportunity to the international students to exchange cultural traditions, as well as share their socio-academic adjustment experiences in Canada.

By the end of the night, it was apparent the occasion had achieved its objectives. About 100 people attended the event. These included Niagara College students, administrative and academic staff, students from Brock University in St. Catharines and Mohawk College in Hamilton, and host families of some of the international students.

"This turn-up goes far beyond our original anticipation," said Hugo Bessems, international student adviser, as he waded through jammed rows of tables in the northern wing of the cafeteria.

"This is just great, I never expected it!" said Nicky Gumirato, the association's secretary, who had earlier in the week difficulty selling tickets for the event.

The program started at 7 p.m. It included introductory remarks by the president of the international students association, Dagmawi Tesfaye, during which he introduced the executive committee members; a dinner showcasing some rare international dishes and an address by the guest speaker, David Schleich, the college's vice-president of academics. A dance session whose music was provided by a St. Catharines-based steel band capped the evening.

Among the college dignitaries was the registrar, Ivar Noren and the director of international education, Dennis Malone.

In his opening address, Tesfaye said the aim of the event was ". . . to exchange culture(s) between the international students and the Canadian students, to develop new relationships and improve existing ones, and to provide support to students who are adjusting to a new culture."

He then introduced the executive committee of the association which included the following: vice-president Carlos Alfaro, secretary Nicky Gumirato, public relations co-ordinator Stacey Bai, entertainment co-ordinator Sam Mutahar, sports co-ordinator Kallol Chakraborty and treasurer Amy Chen.

*'It's a night worth repeating'*

Speaking after the dinner, Schleich lauded the evening as a milestone in the history of international education at the college. He said globalization and international education are accelerating at a fast pace and nowhere was this more apparent than at Niagara College which is within the corridor of international trade between Canada and the U.S. "Why don't we make noise about being in the Niagara Peninsula?" he asked.

He thanked organizers of the event and said he hoped the next one would be held at the new St. Catharines campus. "This is only the first annual international dinner dance but see how many people there are. Next time we might have over 200 or more."

"This has been a great night!" remarked a Romanian student from Brock University who asked to be referred to by her Canadian name, 'Dawn'. A Libyan Mohawk College student, Abdul Abdul, unleashed a couple of gyrating stunts before commenting, "It's a night worth repeating!"

The dinner-dance was one of the activities identified by the International Student Association as a way of raising funds and introducing the organization to the college community. It is not known, however, whether the event succeeded as a fund-raising activity. Members paid $7, and non-members $10 to attend it.

President Tesfaye declined to announce any figures. "It's not important at the moment," he said the following morning as he moved swiftly across the cafeteria, rearranging seats. However, he hinted at the possibility of holding another event for the international students before Christmas.

# Food bank arrives on campus

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that perhaps different programs could take over the drive from month to month, although it will not be a competition.

The organizing of the student food bank will be strictly within the school population. No soliciting will be done in the community. There are plans to involve the other campuses at the college. However, no plan has been organized to distribute the food.

Chiki would like to see food collected in one large drive near the end of November with distribution of the food to take place a week later. She said she is hopeful all food can be handed out before the holidays so that students have food during the break.

There has been overwhelming response from faculty as well as certain programs and groups such as the non-traditional students and law and security.

Chiki said the idea of a food bank for students is not new. Help has always been available through student services.

Although plans have been made to have the campus-wide drive, no plans have been finalized for next semester.

# No Money! No Morgentaler!

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

"Poor ticket sales" forced Nancy Grimmnick to cancel Dr. Henry Morgentaler's scheduled address at Centennial High School last night.

Grimmnick, Student Administrative Council vice-president internal, said she cancelled Morgentaler's appearance after conferring with other SAC members.

Grimmnick said she doesn't have an exact number of tickets sold, but figures the total to be under 50.

"They (ticket sales) didn't go as I thought they would," she said.

Beverley Hadland, of the counselling group Straight Talk, has been moved to the Welland campus. A date and time has not been announced.

Meanwhile, records show SAC paid $2,500 to Canadian Programming Services to retain Morgentaler's appearance. Grimmnick said she is not sure if the money is refundable.

"I have been making inqiries over the phone to find out whether we can get our deposit back," she said.

Lou DiMattio, SAC liaison, said council had to look at the business aspect. "We stood to lose too much money," she said.

DiMattio added that if the money is not returned, SAC will look into the possibility of "leaving the deposit there for an alternative speaker down the road."

# College Homecoming draws a crowd

By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

An estimated 400 to 500 people toured Niagara College during the open house on Oct. 24 as part of the first annual Homecoming.

The day began with a reception at 1 p.m. at the college's Welland campus and ended that evening with a dinner/dance at the Rose Villa in Welland.

Some of those involved with the homecoming said they were pleased with the turnout. Lyn Russo, chairperson for the 25th anniversary committee, said she was quite happy. "I am really pleased, we had a steady stream of people all day."

The alumni association's president, Harry Popiluk, welcomed over 100 people who attended the dinner/dance at the Rose Villa. Carmine Angie, association vice-president, said he was encouraged by the turnout. "It's not bad for a first attempt at a homecoming."

Both men are graduates of the college's Business Administration program; Angie in 1983, and Popiluk in 1970.

Many alumni expressed their pleasure with the day's events. Wayne Smith, a 1984 graduate from the Electronic Engineering program said he was, "happy with the evening so far."

Larry Naftulin, a fundraiser for the alumni association, addressing the alumni, gave background information on what the association was doing and encouraged those present to continue to support it.

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